

Regional Office of Education #26
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March 14, 2018
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

CC Docket No 02-6

Request for FCC Form 471 application filing window deadline extension date be waived:

Entity and BEN: Regional Office of Education #26 Hancock/McDonough/Fulton/Schuyler
(136094)

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Service Provider and SPIN: Advanced Robotics Think-Tank Corporation (143046652)

Funding Year: 2015-16

Application type and number: one time invoice extension deadline 471 – 1034362 FRN –
2814502

Appeal Reason : Extraordinary Circumstances related to IL State Budget

Appeal Explanation:

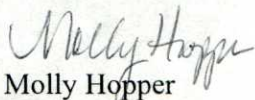
Regional Office of Education #26 (Fulton/Hancock/McDonough/Schuyler) is entirely supported by IL legislative action appropriating funding to our programs for operation. Although our Illinois budget years align with the ERate funding calendar, we were facing an extreme situation in FY15-16. The budget funding state operations and programs, including our office, was not enacted until July of 2017. This retroactive budget covered costs incurred by our office between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016. Therefore plans to upgrade internal connections set forth for the ERate Fiscal Year 2015 were delayed and not processed until December, 15, 2016 and May 5, 2017 once state funding was received in our office. The state funding is legislatively controlled

and completely out of the control of this office and the service provider we entered into contract with. Payments for equipment and services were issued as soon as money was available.

An ERate form 500 was filed with Universal Service Administrative Company to request a change of service start and end dates to align with payment. This request was approved and processed. However, the additional request to extend the service delivery, to align with this new timeline, was denied. We are appealing this decision to the FCC and asking that the deadline for invoicing be waived due to these extraordinary circumstances.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Molly Hopper".

Molly Hopper

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